

BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00 p.m. &
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Advent
DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151

“NEW HEAVENS – NEW EARTH”

Text: 2 Peter 3:12 “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”

INTRODUCTION – I cannot think of anyone better than the Apostle Peter to bring us comfort at this melancholic time in our lives. He comforts the early Christian church that was punished for believing in Christ! He also has words to comfort us in these days in which much has been written about the afflictions of our society. Peter had a long and rather curious walk with the Lord. He is entitled to tell us to believe in God’s promises.

1 – Peter told to follow Jesus.

2 – Peter’s steep learning curve.

3 – The special lessons.

4 – A surprising failure.

5 – Peter rebuilt and reinstated.

6 – Where is this [second] “coming”?

7 – Calm down: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years.

8 – Trust in the Lord – not in your “feelings”.

CONCLUSION – These present days of black bile (melancholy) tend to make us wonder where the God of love is. We all agree that he did great things in the past and will do great things in the future. But he is not doing anything in the present. That is the common opinion for people without faith. Christians wait for the Lord. Christians take their doubts and anxiety’s to God in prayer. We do well in applying these truths to our everyday life! Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord

“The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”* (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, *“the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together”* (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd *“will gather the lambs in his arms”* (Is. 40:11). He speaks *“tenderly to Jerusalem,”* and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises *“new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells”* (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He *“is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9).

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS – Our Special Missions project for the last quarter of the year 2020 is the ministry to the deaf, specifically the work done at and through “Evangelical Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation do the Deaf”. This congregation is located in West Allis (2306 S 98th Street). The Rev. William Palmer has been their pastor for the last 34 years. They minister to all deaf of the Greater Milwaukee area. This is a worthy cause and your gifts to Special Missions will sustain the proclamation of the Gospel in sign language!

BIBLE STUDY

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY If you are interested in participating in an online Bible Study on the book of Psalms, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com. The study is held on Zoom at 9am and 7pm each Tuesday.

CHURCH INFORMATION

YOUTH GROUP Calling all 6th-12th graders! Make sure you save December 6 and December 20 on your calendar for Sunday Night Fellowship. On December 6, we'll meet online from 6-8pm for games and laughs. December 20th will be our Christmas party, so watch your email for more information to come!

HOUSEHOLD GOODIE BAGS Thank you to everyone who stopped by to pick up their goodie bag already! The bags will be available for pickup at church through today (Sunday, December 6). After today, they will be delivered to your house by one of our Elders or Board Members.

SCRIP While SCRIP gift cards may not be available for purchase on Sunday mornings, you are still able to purchase cards through our order forms. Simply fill out your order, include your payment (checks can be made out to Blessed Savior Lutheran), and place it in the SCRIP mailbox, which is located on the north side of the Narthex. The order forms are available near the SCRIP bulletin board in the hallway. Your order will be placed in your church mailbox when it arrives unless other arrangements are made. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com.

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK We are excited to introduce two new weekly segments on our YouTube channel (Blessed Savior Lutheran-New Berlin) and Facebook (@BlessedSaviorNBWI), in addition to our regularly posted material. If you haven't already followed or liked these pages, please do so! It's a great way to stay connected!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: This year our Christmas program will be coming to you in a virtual format! If you have children ages 2-8th grade and would like to participate and haven't seen the email from Jennifer Leinss please email her at jleinss82@gmail.com. This year's program is titled "Symbols of Christmas" and we are asking families to record their part at home and send it to us! We are looking forward to sharing the love of Jesus in this unique way this Christmas!

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES There are no in person Advent Worship Services this year, however there will be services posted online on December 9 and 16.

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.
Please help us plan for how many people will be in attendance by calling the church office at 262-786-6465, or by emailing us at secretary.bslnb@gmail.com. Christmas service will also be available to you online and will be posted the morning of December 24th.

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

December 27 - 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31 – 7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

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Special intercessions: please pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

Altar Flowers are donated by Manfred & Petra Bellmann in celebration of their grandson, Mathew's 11th birthday.

We pray for our brother, Skip, as he mourns the loss of his brother.

Dan & Linda Wendorf support special missions in celebration of their daughter, Natalie's birthday.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Last Week's Attendance: 87

Last Week's Offerings: \$10,218.

YouTube Attendance: 112

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00